



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

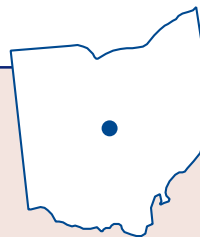
Gahanna, OH

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Gahanna was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The city, located just east of Columbus, has 33,588 residents. Most of the city's brownfields are within the Gahanna Industrial District, which serves as an important regional employment center for the lower income areas of Columbus and surrounding counties. This industrial area also provides much of the city's tax revenue base. Since the city has little ability to expand its area, it is interested in redeveloping these sites to maintain its economic health. Assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of brownfields properties are expected to contribute to a slowing of urban sprawl by invigorating the industrial district and redirecting development away from greenfields.



Assessment Grant

New
2004

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Gahanna for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to perform Phase I and Phase II site assessments at petroleum-contaminated sites found to have the most redevelopment potential. The city will use its staff and funds to inventory potential brownfields sites, set priorities for redevelopment, and conduct community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.